

Remarks

Claims 1 and 6 are being cancelled in favor of the remaining claims in the application. Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, as well as 35 U.S.C. 102. Claim 2 has been written in independent form. It originally was based on claim 1. In rewriting claim 2 in independent form, Applicants have made changes to avoid the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Specifically, the recital “control valve assembly” in claim 1 has been replaced by the recital “control valve system.” This change makes the nomenclature in the body of claim 1 consistent with the nomenclature used in the preamble of claim 1. Claim 6 is being cancelled to avoid a redundancy with respect to claim 5.

Claim 3 has been written in independent form. Again, the lack of an antecedent for the limitation “control valve assembly” has been corrected in rewritten claim 3.

Claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form with a correct recital of the limitation “control valve system.”

Claims 7-10 have been allowed.

The rejection of claims 2-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 has been avoided. It is respectfully requested that claims 2-5, which have not been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 in view of the prior art, be grouped with allowed claims 7-10 and that a Notice of Allowance of the application be issued.

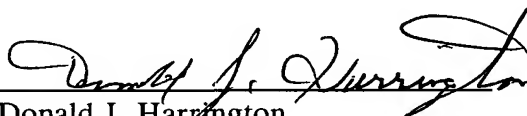
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The fee for an extra independent claim now appearing in the application may be charged to Ford Global Technologies, LLC Deposit Account No. 06-1510.

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